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MVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



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Well, another April meet is in the history books. To everyone who came, thank you. To those who couldn't make it, who missed a great meet and we'll see you next time. I'm so proud of the meet this club puts on year after year that we have people travel hundreds/thousands of miles to the MVCC meet. Check-in had no big problems thanks to JoAnn keeping things under control. Don, Johnny and Christina had the HQ running like a top even being short handed, so a big thanks to all who manned the booth.

I only got to see one of the showcases this year and that was the barn find that I was running but I heard good comments about both the M151 and GTB showcases as well.

The member dinner and raffle on Friday night was great with over 186 plates served, and again thanks to the cooking and prep crew for having dinner ready within 10 minutes of the posted start time. Wayne, Don, Karen, and the Lampmans, you rock the kitchen! Thanks also goes to the board members who served and the couple from Florida who jumped in to help. Jen and Scott Tanis did a great job of fill-in raffle chairpersons on short notice and got some great prizes.

The MVPA asked the club if we could host the National for 2024. That's out of the question, but we do have time to look at maybe 2025.

That's it from here, just a couple days of unpacking and storing away the camping kit till next time.

Thanks.. Chris

Photo by Johnny Verissimo

L to R—Chris Thomas & Dan McClusky



L to R—Johnny Verissimo, Chris Thomas, Cory Firman, Brandon Cherinka, Tyler Rizzuto, Jennifer Tannis and Scott Tanis



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MVCC Secretary/ Editor Johnny Verissimo

What's happening in the MVCC?

Just got home and recovering from the MVCC's April Spring Meet 2022! Well that was crazy awesome. My first thought is that it was so great to see everyone that I only see once a year.

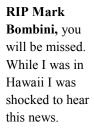
Nothing like smelling that fresh cut canvas or that NOS part that was just unwrapped out of its comsmoline. There were venders, parts, military vehicles, trailers, spectators, entrants, bar, Dodge Boys, food, friends, road trips, wine, more wine, bbq's, fire pits, tents, golf carts, kids, families, etc etc everywhere.

MVCC Membership Dinner fed 180 members! Outstanding. Thank you Chris Thomas and Crew. Thank you to all the Bard Find, M151 and GTB owners for bringing your vehicles out this year for the showcases.

For me what did I buy? I bought a 81mm mortar(I collect mortars), Ford GTB passenger seat, 1/6 scale soldier figures, NOS Ford GTB Distributor Cap, NOS Ford GTB fan belts in excellent condition, MVCC event tshirt, hoodie, signs. Robin Bartel built and brought me the interior for my K38 Lineman's trailer and the French 75th Anniversary License plate. Dave Ball gave me a WW2 tool box, Brad Smardo gave me two ammo boxes. I'm sure there is more I can't remember off the top of my head. Thank you to everyone I did business with!

So you know me you know I'm a romantic. So Don Gomes and I befriended Rob Lentz, a Ford GTB owner from Florida, who flew to California for our MVCC meet. Rob came for the GTB Showcase and to check out our meet. Well, after the event Rob took his girlfriend Nadia Gordon to Yosemite National Park where he proposed and she accepted! By the way Rob and his now fiancée Nadia volunteered as servers at the member's dinner AND signed up as members! I love happy endings.

OMG thank you to the volunteers who came to the MVCC Booth and gave up some of their time to help us out. When I first joined the MVCC I knew no one and I'm very shy so it was tough to make friends in the hobby but then in 2016 I volunteered for the first time along with Christina and Don Gomes and the doors to friends opened. If you want to meet people in the club the best way to do it is volunteer in the club, I promise you won't regret it.



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Photos of NOS GTB Parts

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I'll start this next one with a lol. Again the "Dodge Boys" successfully through a "Hawaiian Luau" minus the food (there were finger foods). And after awhile of mixed "Hawaiian" drinks good times were had. The Dodge Boys do it every year on the Thursday night of the event. It's a way to mix and mingle; it's a way for old friends to reminisce and a way to make new friends.



In the photos are Roberto Mossier, Scott Tanis, Don Gomes, Christina Verissimo, Tim Coolboaugh, John Ducket, Mark McCall and Johnny Verissimo (le Me).

Thank you Dodge Boys for the drinks and entertainment and providing us with a way to talk after dark. If you ever pass by the Dodge Boys camp stop by and say hi. If you own a WW2 it's a plus.









Photos by Christina Verissimo



Photo of Jen & Scott Tanis, Cory Firman, Don Gomes and Kim Severit by Johnny

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MVCC Raffle at the Event. Our raffle Chair Couple fell ill at the last minute so Jennifer and Scott Tanis jumped in to take the raffle and run with it. Long story short it's the most money the raffle at the spring meet has made since at least when I took over as secretary in 2016. Thank you Jennifer and Scott Tanis and all the volunteers, DONATORS and folks who bought tickets for the raffle! The raffle is an important money maker for the MVCC. It's important to note the MVCC does not charge venders for selling or attendees for attending the event.

Questions: One question I got was "why can't there be a gateway between the Fairgrounds and Camp 49er RV Park? Answer: The Powers that Be (RV Park) believe it's a liability to have a gateway. And its not as simple as



that answer. Its even more complicated than that answer. IF that situation changes which it can then the MVCC will move on it faster than flies to milk.

Don and I played with the idea of having a 6 passenger golf cart going back and forth from the Fairgrounds to the RV park. The problem wouldn't be getting a golf cart but it would be getting volunteers to drive it because "volunteers" have gone by the way of the dinosaur, volunteers have become extinct. I belong to a few clubs, I'm secretary of two clubs and I can honestly say its easier to get a camel to walk though the eye of a sewing needle then it is to find volunteers these days, lol, I mean that in a very loving way of course, ha. :)

On a personal note; I do want to thank our Club President Chris Thomas because when everything goes great everyone gets the credit but when all fails the President gets the blame and this Meet was a success so thank you Chris Thomas. Thanks Chris for always picking up my calls and talking me down off the ledge, lol. Thank you Don Gomes, our Quartermaster, you are insane for doing what you do and I love it! Thank you Christina, MVCC Treasurer, your way too awesome to me and you explain math to me JoAnn Lesser, Wagon Mistress, you're just as crazy as funny and nuts as us and I love that too! Thank you MVCC Board, Thank you volunteers, THANK YOU MVCC MEMBERS for attending, spending money, having fun and always saying Hi to me. Venders, you guys are loved, always keep coming back. Midwest Military, Jay Hinton Jeeps, Jimmy Strauss Restorations, Employnet, thank you!

Another personal note, I want to thank our MVCC Quartermaster and best friend Don Gomes and MVCC Treasurer Christina Verissimo (wife of 32 years) for everything they do for the club. AND, huge shout out to **Woody's Golf Carts in Turlock, Ca** for the use

of one of their golf carts for the event (Dons golf cart broke down). There is no way I could have been everywhere at once without that cart, thank you long time MVCC member Mr Dias (owner of Woody's Golf Carts).

As you read this you will notice the newsletter is late, it is, its true. I was at the MVCC event, I have witnesses. It normally takes me a week to put a newsletter

together but I will try and speed this one up.

Well now I'm bummed, its another 360 days till the next MVCC Spring Meet 2022. Don't forget the smaller MVCC Fall Meet in September this year.

Chow, Johnny...Photo to the right—Utah UMVC Newsletter Editor Pete Park and myself. Two Editor from two cool MV clubs.

Photo by Donna Parks







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Hope you were able to make it to Camp Plymouth and had as much fun as Henry, Hilde and I did! Our trip started with a "BANG"!

Hilde: "What the heck was that?!" Henry: "GOoo, GOoo, Rasberry, GOoooooooo?!" Andy: "It sure didn't sound good... GULP!"



Somewhere outside Ione the radiator header tank let go and peeled apart at the front seam leading to our first breakdown in 6 years and over 15K miles. I guess I can't complain too much; the truck is 70+ years old.

This brings me to why I love the MVCC so much. Within **minutes** of pulling off the road we had arranged (*Thanks Jo-Ann & Kurt L.*) a tow to the 49er (*Thanks to John W. for towing us and thanks to Pete W. for offering*). Additionally, members stopped by to offer aid while we were cooling our heels on the shoulder. Upon arrival to the 49er we had a ton of help searching for a radiator and many suggestions on how to patch it up. No radiator replacement was found and the decision was made to haul the M37 home. Again members came through with offers to help us get the truck home (*Thanks Carl B., Alan & Linda D., and Ryan S.*). Ultimately we used AAA and I discovered it's cheaper, faster and more comfortable to tow the M37 than it is to drive it to Plymouth... I'd still rather drive it!

The point is, I had help from old friends and new friends in the Club. These

members went out of their way to help us out when we needed it and that means everything to me. It kept my stress level to a manageable level and instead of having a crappy weekend, we had a blast. Now Henry has a story to tell! What more can we ask?

It was great to see everyone up there and I can say that little Henry may be one of our most enthusiastic new members. He REALLY enjoyed meeting new people and had a load of fun. I think that he may have

even learned some Portuguese and new dance moves from Christina V.!!! Thank you all for a GREAT event,

Andy

4ndy and the Dodge M37

Ps. Wanted, 1 M37 radiator





John Bobnar & Linda DaSalvo, photo by Allan DeSalvc







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Hello to all MVCC members!

It all started on Tuesday the 26th of April when Johnny & Christina Verissimo picked up the MVCC club trailer and headed to Camp Plymouth to meet up with our Ford GTB transport company that was hauling them up to the show. The transport company arrived at the fair grounds at 12 noon and met up with Johnny & Christina so they could unchain and unload them of the truck. After unloading they headed to their cabin 188 in 49er Village next to the Fairgrounds. A little later Johnny and Christina went back to the fair grounds and drove the GTB's back and parked them in the clubs space till I got there the next day to put mine in my space. Johnny then felt that he should take a run around the camp and see what's out there and the first vender space he sent to he saw this sea that kinda looked like a GTB passenger seat. He said to himself: what are the odds a GTB passengers seat would be for sale this year right after I bought one at Camp Plymouth the previous year. He called me and said he wants this much do I buy it, do you think I should buy it? Hell ya ding dong! Give him the money and be happy you have an original side seat.. It's only the Holy Grail of GTB parts!



Well I came in **Wednesday** with my good friend Denny Clark that pulled my car trailer with my 4 1000lbs practice Bombs and M2 Bomb trailers and I pulled my RV. We next unloaded them and went back and got my GTB Bomb truck Froggy to pull them around the fair grounds and back to our camp site to have a ice cold beer.

Thursday we set up the MVCC club booth and started selling. Thank you to all the volunteers that stepped up to help set up and man the store for the two days! It made it easier and more fun to be able to get some picking time out there to see all the goodies. Thursday was our best day in sales selling lots of shirts, jackets, mugs and taking in club dues.

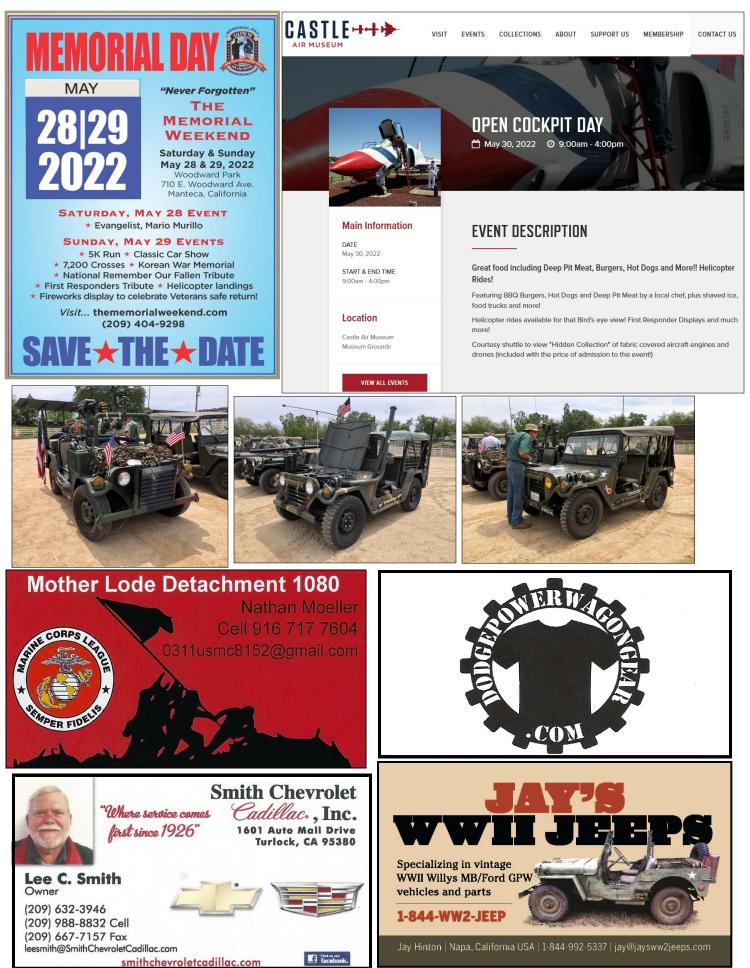
Friday I had the GTB Showcase at 9am to 12pm we had 3 GTB's which wasn't bad due to the high fuel price and long hauls and they are very Rare trucks to see running. Also we had GTB owners from all over the world, two were from Florida and owns a GTBC Bomb service truck, Rob Lentz and his Fiancé Nadia, we had a great time meeting them and having both for dinner that night and visiting. Good luck to the both of you on your soon to be Marriage! Don't forget the Eagle Field Dinner Dance Fly in June 3,4,5

free dry camping, showers & free Friday MV owners dinner, hope it's cool !

Saturday we didn't have volunteers for the MVCC booth so it didn't open up for sales. I didn't have time for the booth because the transport company to take our GTB's home was coming at 1PM and we helped load them. Getting military vehicles ready for transport is a job in inself.

Keeping The Ford GTB History Alive! Don Gomes







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After action report, Plymouth, April 2022

Other than being a little cool in the mornings I don't think we've had such an accommodating weather week in years! The mild breezes and sun shiny days were absolutely perfect. Most of my time was spent over on the Fairgrounds and other than a few SNAFUs we had no FUBARS at all!!! WOW.

I think that this meet will go down as one of our best ever. The Member Appreciation diner and raffle just topped everything off perfectly. It was really great to see the club getting back to normal again after our years of fires and covid. Hopefully we won't see either of them again.

Thanks to all of you that took the time to send in your registration forms and get your payments in. I understand the 49er has a couple of boo-boos but nothing that wasn't easily correctable. Please correct me if I'm wrong.

One parting comment: would the individual that took the HMMWV Supplemental Grounding Kits off of my table please send me a check for them.

Looking forward to the San Martin airport open house on May 21st, the 4th of July parade in Morgan Hill and Eagle Field.

Be safe and Keep 'em Rolling



Kurt Lesser at the raffle—photo by Johnny Verissimo



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Camp Plymouth News

Jo-Ann Lesser

Wow! Our April show is over and it's time to start planning for September. Dates for the September campout and show are September 11 thru 17, 2022. Early birds can arrive on Sunday, September 11 thru Tuesday, September 13. The 4 night minimum stay begins Wednesday, September 14. As is now the procedure, a registration form must be filled out and returned to me prior to getting a deposit or payment to the 49'er. Camping at the Amador County Fairgrounds? The same registration procedure should be followed with payment for your stay included with the registration form. Rates and the registration form will be published in the June MVCC Newsletter. The cutoff date for deposits to the 49'er RV Resort should be made prior to August 10, 2022. The cutoff date for the Fairgrounds is September 1, 2022. Please keep in mind that our April and September events are considered separate events. You may or may not be in the same site or cottage and must register for each event.

As always, if you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch at mvcccampmistress@yahoo.com or 408.238.8277

Photo by Johnny ...



UPCOMING EVENTS



Photos from Camp Plymouth

May 21st 2022 5th Annual Gathering of Warbirds Reunion and Classic Car Show, Madera Airport, 7AM-3PM. P51 & B17 Rides www.warbirdsreunion.org. Check this newsletter for flyer.

May 22, 2022: Ron Fitzpatrick Jeep Parts open house in Central Point Oregon. Military Vehicle Show and Swap Meet. Free Lunch RSVP (541)830-3030 10AM to 4PM.

<u>May 28thh and 29th</u>Never Forgotten—The Memorial Weekend, Woodland Park, 710 E. Woodland Ave. Manteca, California. Visit thememorialweekend.com (209)404-9298 Classic Car Show, National Remember Our Fallen Tribute, Helicopter landings, fireworks. Looking for military vehicles for the Saturday Display. See ad in newsletter.

<u>May 30, 2022</u>—Castle Air Museum Open Cockpit Day in Atwater, California. Castle has one of the biggest selection of military planes around. Open cockpit is a must if you have never been. 9AM to 4PM. <u>https://www.castleairmuseum.org</u>

June 4th 2022 - Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In/Military Vehicle Event. POC is Chris Thomas (559)871-6507 Friday night there will be a free BBQ to everyone that brings a military vehicle and to members of the MVCC. Saturday all day will be explore Eagle Field, Food venders, MV games. Parade, Big Band, Dinner etc etc This is the 80th Anniversary of EF!!!

July 1, 2022—Naval Air Station Lemoore's 60th Anniversary Celebration. Event will be hosted at NAS Lemoore's Chief and Officer Club and will celebrate Lemoore's AAF roots during WWII and NAS Lemoore's founding in the 60s. Vehicles and displays are welcome. More info to follow. Please contact Corey Firman at firmanc@hotmail.com or 253-267-2456 if interested."

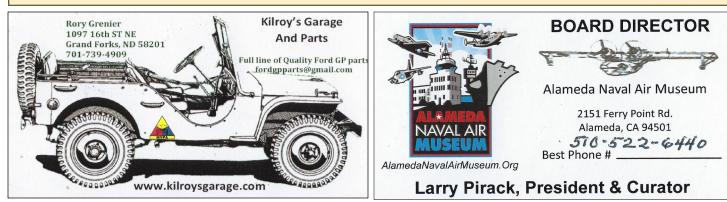
July 4th 2022: Gustine 4th of July Parade. POC is Don Gomes. (209)765-1273. Meet at 850 Elm Ave at 9AM.

Photos by Johnny Verissimo

<u>September 11 thru Saturday September 17, 2022</u> MVCC Fall Meet in Plymouth California. As usual 4 night minimum stay beginning Wednesday, September 17, 2022



If you have any questions or have information regarding a meet or activity in your area, contact your regional vice president or any of the officers to let them know. Be sure to visit our website for any last minute activities or changes to activities/events. Please submit information regarding upcoming activities to the newsletter editor at least two months before the scheduled event. All articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor by the 14th of each month. **MVCC News Editor Johnny Verissimo, (209) 918-0488 istanbull@sbcglobal.net or www.mvccnews.net**



Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

Eagle 😿 Field

Dinner Dance Fly-In - June 4th & 5th, 2022

18 piece Live Big Band, Dancing, WWII Aircraft and Military Vehicles

Tickets and Info @ eaglefieldmuseum.com or call 925-383-3916 • E-mail: michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net Find Eagle Field Dinner Dance and Fly In on Facebook



Dinner dance Fly-In Saturday, June 4th & 5th, 2022 Tickets available after March 1st

Saturday June 4th

2:00 PM Aircraft Arrivals Begin
3:00 PM Bar opens for water, sodas and drinks
5:00 PM People arrive for pre-dinner activities and Collectibles Silent Auction Opens for Bids
5:30 PM Military Vehicle Parade
6:30 to 7:00 PM Dinner Begins
8:00 PM Music Begins
9:00 PM Coffee and Donut Break
11:00 PM Hangar Doors Close
Sunday June 5th
8:00 – 10:00 AM Pancake Breakfast
11:00 AM Aircraft Depart
Prices
\$75 Steak Dinner

\$75 Steak Dinner \$65 Half a Chicken Dinner \$50 Veggie Lasagna Dinner \$15 Sunday's Pancake Breakfast

Los Banos Hotels (21 miles north): Travelodge (209) 710-0593 Maple Inn (209) 827-4600, Economy Inn (209)826-0682 Red Roof Inn (209)826-9690), Sun Star Inn(209)826-3805 La Quinta (209) 827-4677, Best Western (209)827-0954 Los Banos Motel (209)826-2700 Hotel on I-5 South (17 miles): Apricot Inn (559) 659-1444.

Saturday dinner includes: mashed potatoes, special green beans, a salad, a dinner roll and a wonderful chocolate éclair for dessert. Donuts and coffee are served at approximately 9:30 PM.

Buy tickets @ www.eaglefield.net • or call 925-383-3916 E-mail: michelle.knobbe@sbcglobal.net

Celebrating the 80th Anniversary of Eagle Field

Eagle Field AAF base was opened in 1942 specifically to train pilots for World War II. From April 1942 to the winter of 1944 about five thousand pilots were trained in Ryan PT-22 and Boeing Stearman PT-17 aircraft. Purchased in 1980 by Joe Davis, Eagle Field is a link back to a very important and pivotal time in America's history. Having been saved, hopefully in the years to come it will be fully restored. We need your support.

This, our 33rd Warbird Fly-In and Dinner Dance promises to be a very entertaining historical event. Past aircraft have included PT-17 and PT-22 trainers, B-25 and PV-2 bombers, P-40, P-51, Corsair, Bearcat and Wildcat fighters, an ME-108, L-Birds and even a veteran C-53 transport that dropped paratroopers on D-Day.

In the past, military vehicles have included Jeeps, Half-Tracks, Weasels, Command Cars, Tanks, Cleatracks, APCs, Cargo Trucks, Weapons Carriers, Staff Cars and Artillery/Anti-Aircraft pieces.

Many will dress in World War II period attire. Espana's of Los Banos will cater our Saturday night dinner and you will sit at a beautifully decorated table. Knight Sounds, a classy 1940's big band from Modesto, will provide live big band music. There is always an exciting swing dance contest. Our veterans will be given special recognition.

Military Vehicles Only: Arrive Friday/Saturday (For MV info contact: Don Gomes at 209 765-1273). Vehicle folks can camp out through Sunday. Showers will be available. There will be a BBQ and camp fire on Friday night. Saturday activities include: A filming for YouTube, and a military parade at 5:30. Bring period military clothing for the video. Breakfast and lunch will be available at the cantina on Saturday.

Pilots: The Eagle Field identifier is CL01. Use a RIGHT HAND PATTERN and announce arrival on 122.9. A shuttle for PILOTS ONLY goes to both the La Quinta (209) 827-4677 and Best Western (209) 827-0954 in Los Banos. One afternoon shuttle at 2:45, returning at 5:45, and one every hour 9:00 until 11:00PM, returning on Sunday AM.



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Hello North Bay West and beyond,

Gearing up for Plymouth! I spent the day gathering parts, Militaria paraphernalia, and putting some love into the M38. I am really looking forward to a good swap with good weather, good friends, good buys, and good sales!

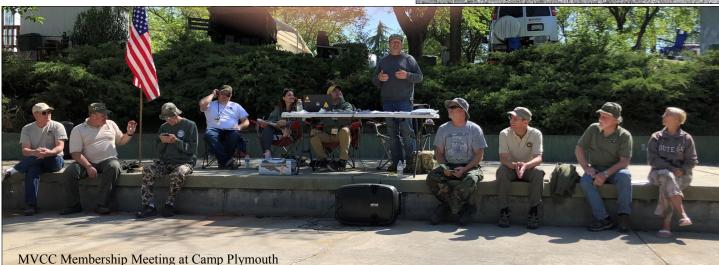
M38 update: Since the installation of the repop tank (still looking for a good original tank) I replaced the master cylinder, and just

finished up a water pump replacement. While I had the grill folded down, I did some new welting and of course there was 3 cage nuts on the grill that needed to be replaced. I received a set of economy canvas from WEBEE Webbing and quickly installed them on my seat frames. I have decided to swap motors with an original L head. I have never had good luck with the later F head. I did the research, and it is a military motor for the later version M38A1. The motor has a rebuild tag on it saying it was rebuilt in Aug. 1964. The motor runs well! It would be a great replacement for an A1 project. Let me know, I want to sell.

See You all in Gold Country. "Keep your powder dry"

Scott Rohrs





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Greetings from the North! Camp Plymouth Spring Meet 2022 is history and it was great. Attendance was down slightly but not significantly. Larger crowds seemed to be there on Friday and Saturday with many people there for the day without camping. AS usual the swap meet items were plentiful. One of the items I purchased was a reproduction pioneer rack for my International M-2-4 project. Robin Bartell did an excellent job with the reproduction, based on an original rack. Thanks Robin!

My M-2-4 project started out as a rescue of a truck in Santa Paula that was about to be scrapped. After getting it home I acquired a parts truck from Corey Firman. A month or so later I learned of another truck for sale only

about a half hour from me, went to look at it and bought it too. The third truck is an older partial restoration and is much more complete than the other two, so it has become the truck that will be restored. After researching serial numbers and production figures, truck number three turned out to be one of the last produced in 1944, with a with a serial number three vehicles from the end of production. One of the missing parts is the pioneer rack that mounts on the front of the bed. Not missing anymore! I'll need to mount it and figure out what pioneer tools it needs and how they are attached. Time for more research...

Attached are some pictures of the project truck (which may have appeared previously in this newsletter). Keep 'em Rollin'!

Dave









News and notes from the Secretary

MVCC Booth volunteers:

Big Mike, Kurt Fallor, Ed Cunha, Karey Lampman, Jen Tanis, Scott Tanis, Andy Shyers, Dan McClusky, Jim Bertao, Michael Mendes, Dave Ball, Chris Thomas, Christina Verissimo, Don Gomes, Johnny Verissimo. THANK YOU ALL! If I missed your name please let me know. It takes a lot of time and effort to open, operate and close the booth on a daily basis.

We had 43 membership forms filled out, 22 of those 43 were new members.

<u>Notes, new member from</u> *Hawaii*! David Cazinha-HI, Jeff Ames-CA, James & Edwina Currier-AZ, Tom Horsfall-CA, Victoria & Alan Campbell-CA, Doug & Lotte O'Neil-CA, Don Jennings-CA, Dexter Abellera-CA, David Desaire-CA, Patrick Taylor-NV, Martin O Donovan-NY, Tom Dulligan-NY, Robert Lentz-FL, Steve Kemmerfeldt-CA, Ronald Longmire-CA, Russ Rice-AZ, John Hosken-MA, Cam Hosken-CA, Frank Logan-CA, Bob Carter-CA, Jeff Glenzer-CA, Edward Cunha-CA. Welcome aboard.

MVCC Camp Plymouth Spring Meet 2020 Military Vehicle Count

By C.J. Bertagna

 $\begin{array}{c} \text{MB's/GPW's} - 37\\ \text{Trucks} - 11\\ \text{M151's} - 10\\ \text{Trailers} - 10\\ \text{M-38's} - 9\\ \text{Dodge WC's} - 7\\ \text{Mules} - 7\\ \text{Dodge Command Cars} - 6\\ \text{HMMWV} - 4\\ \text{Motorcycles} - 3\end{array}$



Total = **104** Military Vehicles and Trailers at this year's event. Thank you CJ Bertagna!

Showcases and Award Winners:

M151 Showcase: 3rd Place Carl Beddoh, 2nd Place Carl Thompson, 1st Place Doug Baldanzi

Barn Find Showcase: 3rd Place Scott Rohrs with his M38, 2nd Place Oli Halldorsson with his M47 Dump Truck, 1st Place Chris Thomas with his Dodge WC13. **Ford GTB Showcase:** 3rd Place Dave Porter with is GTB CargoTruck, 2nd Place Don Gomes with his GTBS Bomb Service Truck and Bombs/Trailers, 1st Place Johnny Verissimo with his GTB Cargo Truck

Huge Thank you to everyone that participated!







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Military Vehicle Collectors of California Merchandise 2022



How to purchase: You can email or call your order in to Don Gomes(209)765-1273. He will let you know if its in stock and give you a shipping quote. <u>How to pay:</u> Check or Money order. The club is working on getting a paypal account but its not ready yet. <u>Shipping</u>: Average shipping is \$6.99 but if it's a really small order it can be less or if it's a large order it might be more, out of country is more. Ships from Gustine, Ca. Email at <u>istanbull@sbcglobal.net</u> Any questions pleasse ask! WE also have a few previous years event tshirts and other stuff like coffee mugs etc. <u>Mail payment to MVCC</u>, Christina Verissimo, 850 Elm Ave, Gustine, Ca. 95322

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WANTED: Looking for M116 flatbed trailer with 10KW or larger functional generator. Please email Brian at <u>gmund-meister2@gmail.com</u> or 530-368-6991

FOR SALE - COMPLETE and WORKING radio for Jeep. Transceiver BC 659, 5 spare tubes, telescoping antenna, handset, earphones type 49456, battery BA-41, alignment tool, Spare front plate, manual. Power supply PE 117, including cable and case with 7 crystals (2) Battery boxes CS-79-N (no batteries) Anti-shock mounting FT-250-A plus legs. Jeep-mounted antenna (6 piece antenna in bag, antenna base, mounting bracket to Jeep). Junction box and under seat tube for connecting power supply to Jeep battery, interference suppressor (no cover) \$ 1,400. George Cooper, gcooper@berkeley.edu

For Sale: GPW Engine, Serial Number 144723, no manifolds. GPW block and parts, Serial Number 18971. CJ-2A complete frame with front and rear differentials with 15" Jeep wheels. Contact Alvin Rentsch (707)972-8726

Wanted: M151A2 manuals, Brad Carrott Wanted: RT-524 and RT-442 Radio's set. For Sale: Small Siren 24volt for a military Jeep.\$450.00 For Sale: M151A2 NOS steering wheel. \$170.00 Contact Brad Carrott (831)345-0372

For Sale_M-37 Dodge, 1953, for sale. Santa Cruz, area. \$5800. Call 831-588-3866



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<u>SWAP MEET—Saturday May 7th</u> - Alameda Naval Air Museum Swap Meet and Car Show. 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Early Vendor set up 3:00 p.m. Friday. Vendor spaces 20x20 \$40.00, Cars for sale \$30.00, Free Entry Buyers, Free Parking. Car Show. All Military Vehicles welcome special placement. Free Peet's Coffee and Donuts till they run out. Food truck, D.J. Music Man from the "Push Rods." Contact: Larry Pirack (510-522-6440) (<u>backtothe40s@gmail.com</u>)

<u>Classified Ads</u> are free for military vehicle related items and kit for MVCC members. Your ad will run for three issues. Your editor will only except ads in writing. Please submit ads by the 15th of the month. The MVCC is not responsible for omission's or incorrect wording and or spelling. The MVCC reserves the right to edit ad copy for space. <u>Please email stuff for sale to Johnny Verissimo, istanbull@sbcglobal.net</u>

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FOR SALE: 1941 WC-3 1/2 TON 4X4 DODGE OPEN CAB, Engine turns, carb missing, all oringinal parts Restorable or parts vehicle \$1500 OBO more pictures available

call Leroy 510-714-3594, located in Fremont Ca.





WC-51 US Navy accounting No. 222 from the war in the Pacific

Weapons Carrier-ordinance dept. Engine turns over but distributor missing, all original parts More pictures available, \$1800 or best offer

Located in Fremont Ca. Call Leroy 510-714-3594



For Sale: M151A1 which has been stored in a garage and is licensed in the state of California. It was last driven about three years ago and everything was in excellent condition. Uncut. There is no rust. Completely original. Asking \$15,000. Call Don Thomas at 310-418-9344. Vehicle is located in St. Helena, California (Napa Valley).



More photos by Johnny Verissimo. If you have photos of the event and would like to see them here email them to me!

















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For Sale: Tent: GP Med. 16' X 32' Canvas and wood poles. Great tent for events/ hunting camp/ family camp outs/ reenacting/ and Plymouth Swap Meets. Good serviceable condition. \$500 - Scott Rohrs 415-259-8177

For Sale: Flat head 6 cyl. Willys truck motor is a complete take out motor was running when pulled, has carb/ manifolds/ generator black oil in the case. \$800 -Scott Rohrs 415-259-8177





For Sale ¹/₂ ton WWII Dodge truck parts

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WANTED TO BUY: M-8 OR M-20 Running Condition, Wife said new kitchen before I get a tank! Now that the kitchen is finally done, am seeking to get that tank! Please contact <u>Steve.Kummerfeldt@woodplc.com</u> (714) 299-4593 (cell)

Wanted: M37 Radiator, Contact Andy (510) 832-4322, mvcc510925@gmail.com

<u>Articles! Articles! Articles!</u> from your neck of the woods. If you have something you would like to see in the newsletter just email it to me and I'll see about getting it in the newsletter, If you're a member in any state and have something you think is interesting please email it to me: Johnny istanbull@sbcglobal.net :)

If you want more info on the MVCC check out the web page and we are on facebook in two areas, look us up.



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Hello MVCC!

Well, I'm writing this just back from the April 2022 Camp Plymouth, and I really had a great time. It was so nice to be back among friends and like-minded folk and share our passion for history, and the vehicles that moved it.

I truly felt the absence of Jerry Mambretti and Mark Bombini this year. I have always enjoyed the hearty handshakes and comradery that both Jerry and Mark have given me throughout the years. They both will be missed, but always in my heart. May you both rest in peace gentlemen and thank you for sharing your friendship and a small part of your lives with me. It was my honor.

I managed to sell exactly 2 things at the meet. The joke at our camp was that if you walked up to my tables, your chances of walking away with the same amount of money in your pocket that you had when you walked up was better than 98%. But to be fair, I didn't have a lot of great stuff. But I did pick up an a/c setup for my HMMWV so I certainly can't complain.

It was an honor to receive the MVPA Website Award for 2019, and my thanks to Chris for nominating me, and to John Gillich for picking it up at the '19 convention and helping it eventually find its way to me. And thanks to Damon Viola for accepting it on my behalf at the membership meeting as I was in no shape to do so.

And that brings me to my last thought... friendship. I am so thankful for the friends I've made in the MVCC over the years. Little things that happen during the meet wind up being so meaningful. Like when Nick Bombini pulled up to my campsite. This was the first time I saw him since his dad passed, and we didn't need to say anything. Just a warm embrace said everything that was needed. And to Ron Fitzpatrick, who took the time to call and let me know he was at the meet so that we could connect even for just a few minutes. To Ron McKimmy, who I told about the HMMWV a/c system I found but couldn't afford, and then negotiated the price down to what I could afford and called to tell me to go pick it up because it was mine now... and that I owed him for it \Box . And especially to my buddy Damon Viola, who stepped up on Saturday when I woke up sick as a dog. He helped Nikole pack up our entire camp so that we could pull out on Saturday. And so many others who are just genuinely glad to see us every year and welcome us

with a hearty handshake, a manly hug, or just a warm, "Hey". I truly appreciate all my friends that I've gotten to know because of my affiliation with the MVCC.

And for me, that's really what it's all about. It's the people, preserving the history of our country and those who have served, and the lifelong friendships we make along the way.

Yeah, okay... I do love the military vehicles too! Hope you had a great time at the Spring Camp Plymouth, and I look forward to being there for the next one (hopefully without the getting sick)!

Keep 'em rolling! -Sean

Photo Sean Nichols and Damon Viola at the M151 Showcase—photo by Johnny Verissimo



Mike Fedyk, (North Bay VP East, Divisions), 707, 415, 628 916-809-2969



bigmike405@hotmail.com

Howdy MVers,

I had the HEMTT out and I figured I might as well get that leaky cylinder removed and repaired. I started by laying the mast back. I then secured it with a come along to take some pressure off.

We used the tractor front bucket to secure the cylinder. Pounding out the pins was a chore. It must have taken an hour each using a BFH and a brass rod. Ultimately, we got it out and loaded it up for a ride to the hydraulic shop for new seals.

I should have it reinstalled and ready for camp Plymouth. In regards to camp Plymouth, I'm getting a nice pile of stuff together for the swap meet including a restored WWII M2 tripod. I'm also the POC for the M151 mutt showcase so get your mutts ready. I expect a great showcase this year.

I stumbled across a very unique Cushman that i brought back to life. I'll have it at camp Plymouth so come by and check it out. I'll write about the project in next month's newsletter. I look forward to seeing folks soon and, as always, please share with me your projects, upcoming events etc so I can share them in the newsletter.

Regards,

Big Mike









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MARK SERGIO BOMBINI

It is with deep sorrow and much love that we mourn the passing of Mark Sergio Bombini of Fairfield, Idaho on Tuesday, April 5th, 2022 at the age of 61 years.

Mark was born on March 28, 1961 to Mauro and Elizabeth (Saam) Bombini in Fresno, California. Mark graduated from Fresno High School in 1979 and attended college at California State University Fresno. Mark worked for Johnny's Market & Café and Save Mart Supermarket. He was a wonderful son, brother, cousin, uncle, father, and grandfather.

He loved spending time with family, searching for those rare World War II artifacts and restoring World War II vehicles. He was always happy and willing to help anyone who needed him. Even though Mark was quiet, he had a huge impact on his friends and family. Everyone's life was made better just by knowing him and he is deeply missed.



Mark is survived by his sons, Ryan Bombini; Ryan's wife, Natasha; and his granddaughters, Aubrey and Stella, all of Wasilla, Alaska and Nicholas Bombini of Fairfield, Idaho; his sister, Lisa (Bombini) Weaver and her husband, Jim, of

Clovis, CA; his nephew, Zachary Weaver and Zachary's wife, Nonie-Ann, of Tacoma, WA, and his niece, Hannah Weaver, of Clovis, along with numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Mark is preceded in death by his father, Mauro Joseph Bombini and his mother, Elizabeth Irene (Saam) Bombini.

A celebration of Mark's life will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, May 28th at one of his favorite places, Eagle Field at 11100 West Eagle Avenue, Firebaugh, CA, to celebrate his wonderful and amazing life.

A funeral service will be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, June 4th at Manard Cemetery in Fairfield, Idaho.

Memorial Donations may be made in Mark's name to Camas County for the EMS Fund at PO Box 430, Fairfield, ID 83327 or to Camas County School District for the agricultural department at 610 Soldier Rd, Fairfield, ID 83327.

The family wishes to send a special thank you to the staff of Camas County Emergency Medical Service and Camas County Sheriff Dept. for their care and compassion.





MVCC Raffle at Spring Meet

Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in the MVCC's Raffle for April's Meet! We had the best turn out and most tickets sold in years! This was our most profitable raffle since 2016, and that could not have been done without your donations and support for the club.

This year's raffle was a bit unorthodox, as we had volunteers that were not able to make it to the event and had to scramble to get volunteers and donations last minute. However, even with that said, the prizes were great and the support from club members when we asked for donations was amazing! I do want to give a huge shout out to the following people who helped make the raffle possible by obtaining raffle prizes, selling tickets, and conducting the drawing: Erik and Mary Terberg, Scott Tanis, Tyler Rizzuto, Corey Firman, Nick Gorey, Kim S, and the kids.

Overall, the dinner and raffle went very well, we were able to get the raffle drawing done quickly and effectively so that we didn't have to walk or ride back to our camps in the dark.





MVCC Booth volunteers:

Big Mike, Kurt Fallor, Ed Cunha, Karey Lampman, Jen Tanis, Scott Tanis, Andy Shyers, Dan McClusky, Jim Bertao, Michael Mendes, Dave Ball, Chris Thomas, Christina Verissimo, Don Gomes, Johnny Verissimo(me). THANK YOU ALL! I'm sure there are more, these are the one's I remember and signed in.

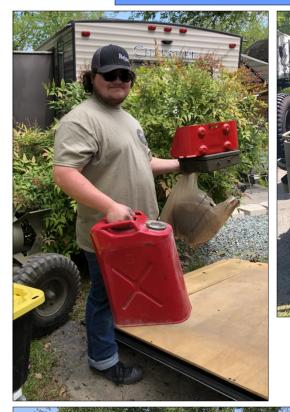
We had 43 membership forms filled out at the event, 22 of those 43 were new members.

<u>Notes, new member from</u> *Hawaii*! The following are new members who signed up at Camp Plymouth. A few are returning members that haven't been in the club in a while. David Cazinha-HI, Jeff Ames-CA, James & Edwina Currier-AZ, Tom Horsfall -CA, Victoria & Alan Campbell-CA, Doug & Lotte O'Neil-CA, Don Jennings-CA, Dexter Abellera-CA, David Desaire-CA, Patrick Taylor-NV, Martin O Donovan-NY, Tom Dulligan-NY, Robert Lentz-FL, Steve Kemmerfeldt-CA, Ronald Longmire-CA, Russ Rice-AZ, John Hosken-MA, Cam Hosken-CA, Frank Logan-CA, Bob Carter-CA, Jeff Glenzer-CA, Edward Cunha-CA. Welcome aboard.

The MVCC is not just for California's, its for EVERYONE who loves Military Vehicles! That's a fact –Johnny... We want you.



Friends and Members of the MVCC at Camp Plymouth—photos by Johnny...













The MVCC Membership Dinner at Camp Plymouth by Johnny Verissimo

The MVCC had a "Thank you/appreciation" dinner at Camp Plymouth this year. This is the 45th Anniversary of the MVCC. The dinner was free to all MVCC members and a guest. The event/dinner had 2 anonymous donors who want to remain anonymous so we say thank you to these generous people who donated the funds to provide a cool get together.

Got to thank the cooking crew! Personally I loved the food and the company. So thank you Cooking Crew and Serving Crew and MVCC President Chris Thomas for doing what you do. You guys are all outstanding.

Amongst my responsibly is photographer so I was trying to get photos inbetween events. Here are some photos I got in between meals, lol, I mean meal.

182 people were served, that's kinda of a lot of people. Thank you to everyone for attending this part of the event.





Membership Meeting / Awards Photos at Camp Plymouth by Johnny Verissimo

Thank you MVCC Board, MVCC Members and Awards winners for attending the Saturday 10AM Membership Meeting. Membership meeting photos were taken by Kim Seivert and Awards photos were taken by Christina Verissimo. Awards winners are listed in my column on page 2 I believe. Only board member missing was Charles Tope.

This brings an end to the Spring Meet. We are already working on the Spring Meet 2023 so reserve your spot now. I hope to see you all at the smaller MVCC Fall Meet, same place, different season.

We hope you have enjoyed the event as much as we did...



Thank you everyone for all the positivity and great vibes. You're here, your family.

















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